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"The real distinction between Jesus and His disciples was His incredible approachableness—that He could get nearer to men than men could. He abolished for ever the Divinity of distance and made fellowship the supreme attribute of God."—G. S. LEE.

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MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FRENCH MISSION.

A CONFERENCE of the French-speaking elders of the European mission was called to convene in Paris, France, on October 15th, 1912.

The conference convened in the hall at No. 46 Rue Richer, and was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Rudger Clawson. There were present: President Rudger Clawson, of the European mission; President Hyrum W. Valentine, of the Swiss and German mission; President Roscoe W. Eardley, of the Netherlands-Belgium mission, and the following French-speaking elders from the Swiss and German mission: Edgar B. Brossard, President of the French conference; Collins T. Cannon, Herbert A. Snow, Clifford C. Clive and James L. Barker; and the following French-speaking elders from the Netherlands-Belgium mission: Eli S. Forsgren, President of the Liege conference; William Earl Read, Melvin C. Morris, Isaac Daniel Stewart, Johannes Klaphaak, Leonal T. Read, John E. Everett, Orson A. Carstensen, Jonathan S. Browning and Joseph B. Storrs; also President Bernard Parry, of the Hull conference of the British mission.

Opening song, "O, say, what is truth?" Prayer by President Hyrum W. Valentine. Continued by singing, "Beautiful Zion."

Elder Joseph B. Storrs was sustained as secretary of the conference.

In his opening remarks President Clawson stated that there were present ten French-speaking elders from the Netherlands-Belgium mission and five French-speaking elders from the Swiss

and German mission. He said he thought that this meeting would be recognized as the most important yet held in France. He referred to the work of the late President John Taylor, who opened the door of the gospel to the French people in the year 1850, and also translated the Book of Mormon. Continuing, President Clawson said that the time had now arrived for the organization of the French mission, in order that the gospel message might be more fully brought to the attention of this nation. The matter had been thoroughly discussed by Presidents Valentine, Eardley and himself, and it was finally decided to submit the question to the decision of the First Presidency of the Church, which was done. In reply the Presidency wrote as follows:

"Salt Lake City, Utah, September 4th, 1912.

"President Rudger Clawson, Liverpool.

"Dear Brother,—Your communication of the 31st of July was read at our last council meeting, in which you recommend the organization of a new mission, consisting of the following named branches of the French part of the Swiss and German mission: Lausanne, Lyons, La Chaux-de-Ponds, Paris, Neuchatel, and Geneva; also the following named branches of the French part of the Netherlands missions: Liege, Seraing, Verviers, Brussels, Lille; the population of the branches of the Swiss and German mission, including children under eight years of age, being 198, and the population of the branches of the Netherlands mission being 201, making in all 399; and that it be named the French mission.

"The Council consented to this being done, and you are therefore hereby authorized to effect the organization accordingly, the new mission to include also any other places in the Swiss and German and Netherlands missions populated by French-speaking people. Your recommendation that Elder Edgar Brossard, now laboring in Paris, be appointed President of the new mission, is also approved.—Your brethren,

(Signed) Joseph F. Smith,
Anthon H. Lund,
Charles W. Penrose."

President Clawson then explained the reason for this important move. Presidents Valentine and Eardley loved the French people and were deeply interested in their temporal and spiritual progress, but, being unable to communicate with them in their own language, were greatly hampered in their work. To win the sympathy and support of a people it is necessary to address them in the language they speak. Only under such circumstances can the best results be obtained. Under the new mission, with a French-speaking elder in charge of the work, it would be carried on in a much more satisfactory manner than formerly.

President Clawson then read a report showing the number of

branches, with the number of elders and Church membership, to be incorporated in the new mission, as follows:

	Elders.	Members.	Children under 8.
Lausanne	3	52	15
Lyons	3	8	—
La Chaux-de-Ponds	3	41	3
Paris	3	—	1
Neuchatel	2	41	21
Geneva	1	16	—
Liege	4	62	3
Seraing	3	65	12
Verviers	2	6	—
Brussels	2	24	7
Lille	3	22	4
	29	337	66

Total souls (members) 403. (These figures represent an addition of four by baptism since July 31st, the date of previous report.)

He called attention to the fact that the French mission would be larger in total membership than the South African or Japanese missions. He strongly favored the move, and if the elders gave it their hearty support the action of to-day would undoubtedly mark an interesting epoch in the growth of the Church. President Clawson said that an opportunity would be given to all present to freely and fully express their views upon the proposition before a vote would be taken.

President Hyrum W. Valentine was the next speaker and said that, although he deeply regretted to part with his French elders, he nevertheless favored the move and believed that it would result in lasting good to the cause. He emphasized some of the difficulties confronting a German-speaking president among a French-speaking people. He spoke very highly of Elder Brossard, whose name had been suggested by the First Presidency, to take charge of the new mission. He said he was a man of integrity, whose whole soul was wrapped up in the gospel.

President Eardley spoke of the French-speaking elders of his mission as being a capable and sincere corps of young men, whom he would greatly miss, but he felt that the proposed action was inspired of the Lord, and would result in the best and highest good to all concerned. He would give it his hearty support. He regarded the men who had been called to inaugurate this work as fully capable, under the blessing of the Lord, to carry it on to a successful issue. He spoke of Elder Brossard in the highest terms and said that he was the man of his choice for president.

Elder Brossard said that if called upon to take the position of president in the new organization he would do the best he could, but he felt weak and incapable. It is about 698,000 days since the time of Christ. There are approximately 379,000,000 Christians in

the world to-day, or an average of 542 Christians for every day that has elapsed since Christianity was established. It is about 30,000 days since the Prophet Joseph Smith organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is estimated that there are about 500,000 members in the Church to-day—a growth of about 16 members for every day since the Church was organized. The ratio of the number of people in our Church and the number professing Christianity to the number of days that have elapsed since the organization of these institutions were effected, indicates that at our present rate of progression, it will take us approximately 1,400 years to obtain the same membership that Christianity has to-day. There are 1,500,000,000 people in the world to-day. There are 39,000,000 people in France alone, and to convert even this thirty-nine million to the divinity of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his teachings is a colossal task. We welcome the French mission. We welcome the missionaries to the mission. Let us remember that time is divided into days, and days are divided into hours, and hours are made up of minutes, which in turn are made up of seconds, and the minutes of to-day make the hours of to-day, not to-morrow, not yesterday. Let us humble ourselves to work, and pray with faith that we may accomplish our purpose.

President Eli S. Forsgren said that he was delighted with the new move and heartily endorsed the remarks of all the brethren who had preceded him.

Elder William Earl Read said that he would give his support to the new organization and hoped that all would put their shoulders to the wheel in order to insure success.

Elder Melvin C. Morris endorsed the remarks of the brethren and prayed that the Lord would prosper this important movement.

Elder Johannes Klaphaak expressed a willingness to do all in his power to help roll on the great work so happily begun.

Elder Isaac Daniel Stewart said that he was glad to have remained in the field long enough to be identified with this new organization. He said that each nation had a spirit of its own. The hearts of the French people had to be reached through a different channel than the hearts of the German or Dutch people. Methods that would bring success in Germany or Holland would be inefficient in the French-speaking countries. The new movement would mean having a man at the head who would be able to speak directly to the people in their own language, and enter into their spirit and help solve their problems. He felt that to-day marked the beginning of a larger and greater success in this part of the Lord's vineyard. He invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the new president and all the elders laboring with him.

Elder Leonal Read strongly favored the consolidating of the French-speaking people into one mission. In unity there is strength, and a united French mission would be able to produce greater results than under present conditions.

Elder John E. Everett expressed his joy at being present at the organizing of a new mission. He hoped that the mission would be a big success.

Elder Orson A. Carstensen said that he was in hearty accord with the new movement. He said that it was just the thing that was needed in this part of the world. He hoped that all the brethren would support the cause enthusiastically, and pledged his own best efforts to the new president.

Elder Joseph B. Storrs stated that he was willing to co-operate in the work of the new mission and to sustain his new president and all his fellow-laborers in their work.

Elder Collins T. Cannon felt to endorse the remarks of all the brethren who had preceded him. They had fully expressed his sentiments. He would do his best to carry out the purposes of the organization and assist in the great work.

Elder Clifford C. Clive rejoiced to be present and share in the work of the meeting. He could heartily endorse all that had been done. He had been closely associated with Elder Brossard for some time past. They had lived in the same room ; had eaten from the same table; had shared the same bed, and he testified that Elder Brossard was pure and clean in his habits and entertained the highest ideals. He was worthy in every way of the confidence shown in his choice as the first president of the French mission.

Elder Herbert A. Snow said that he had felt for a long time that the French-speaking people in the two missions should be united in one mission, and he hailed with joy the day on which this hope had been realized. He would do all he could to support the work and make the mission successful.

Elder James L. Barker said that although he was not a missionary in the ordinary sense of the word, yet he had ever stood ready to help roll the work along. He felt that the organization of a French mission was a move in the proper direction. He knew there were large numbers of honest people in France and the adjoining countries where French is spoken, and many of these will accept the gospel when it is presented in a manner that they can comprehend. Every missionary who comes to the French mission should feel that there are people who will receive the gospel, and he should put his heart in the work to this end. If there is any elder who feels that the French are not receptive to the gospel, he should be transferred to labor among a people in whom he has faith. Only the elder who has faith in and love for the French people can succeed in his mission among them. He spoke in the highest terms of Elder Brossard, with whom he had been acquainted for a long while. He wished to give his hearty endorsement to all that had been done, and would do all that he could to make the French mission a success.

President Bernard Parry, of the Hull conference of the British mission, esteemed it a great privilege to be present. He felt to en-

dorse the sentiments already expressed, and prayed that the Lord would bless all the elders in their work, and help them to succeed in the great movement now being inaugurated.

President Clawson said that as all had spoken freely it would now be in order to proceed with the organization. "It is proposed," he said, "that we organize the French mission, with headquarters at Paris, the same to include France and the French-speaking inhabitants of Switzerland, Belgium and Italy, at present embracing the following branches: Lausanne, Lyons, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Paris, Neuchatel, Geneva, Liege, Seraing, Verviers, Brussels, and Lille, with a total membership of four hundred and three souls and twenty-nine traveling elders." Carried by unanimous vote.

"It is proposed that we sustain Elder Edgar B. Brossard as president of the French mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Carried by unanimous vote.

"It is proposed that we sustain Elder Norman D. Salisbury as secretary of the French mission." Carried by unanimous vote.

Elder Brossard was then set apart to the said office of president under the hands of Presidents Clawson, Valentine and Eardley, President Clawson being mouth.

President Clawson said, in closing, that strictly speaking this had been a business meeting. The French mission is now duly organized and launched upon its course, with every principle, power and presiding officer essential to its success. He rejoiced in the fact that all the elders present had voted unitedly in sustaining President Brossard. He explained the rule of the Church relative to common consent. When a proposition is submitted to the people of God for their acceptance or rejection, every one in attendance at the meeting is entitled to vote. The voice, or uplifted hand, of the majority determines the question, and the action thus reached is binding upon all concerned. If the matter is carried by a majority of but one vote, it is a strong decision—strong for the simple reason that it is carried, but when the voice of the people is unanimously in favor of any question, or proposition, the decision is doubly strong and of great binding force. As to the organization of the French mission, the voice and vote of the meeting to-day have been unanimous, which action will undoubtedly carry with it the approval and blessing of the Lord. He spoke in words of commendation of President Brossard and said that he was the man for the place, and sincerely hoped that the Lord would bless him in his new responsibility. He prayed that God would bestow His choicest blessings upon the elders and the saints of the new mission, the organization of which had changed the world's map, so far as the Church is concerned. He bore a strong testimony to the truth.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing the hymn, "The time is far spent." Benediction by President Roscoe W. Eardley.

JOSEPH B. STORRS, Secretary.

Letter of Greeting.

Paris, France, October 16th, 1912.

To the French-speaking elders and saints:

Greeting: Pursuant to instructions contained in a letter dated September 4th, 1912, addressed by the First Presidency of the Church to the President of the European mission, a conference of the French-speaking elders, duly appointed, convened in Paris, France, Tuesday, October 15th, 1912, at 2:15 p.m. There were present: Presidents Rudger Clawson of the European mission, Hyrum W. Valentine of the Swiss and German mission, and Roscoe W. Eardley of the Netherlands-Belgium mission, and fifteen French-speaking elders. The new mission, to be hereafter known as the French mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was then and there duly organized, being composed of the branches aforesaid, and Elder Edgar B. Brossard was sustained as president thereof by unanimous vote.

This letter is intended to cover and give full notice of the fact to all who may be in any way concerned. We take this occasion to heartily congratulate you upon so important a movement. It means much to the French-speaking saints. It is a distinct recognition of their interests and needs. Under the blessings of the Almighty, we confidently look forward to the accomplishment of a mighty work in the new mission, by which many honest souls will be brought to a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We exhort the saints to renewed diligence. We beseech them to draw near unto the Lord and He will draw near unto them. Pay your tithes and offerings in the season thereof and you will be blessed. Cease not to call upon the Lord day and night. Keep yourselves free and unspotted from the sins of the world, so that the Spirit of Truth may descend upon you and abide with you continually, guiding your footsteps in the way of everlasting life.

We exhort the traveling elders to be humble, prayerful and diligent. Seek the face of the Lord in faith and humility and you shall not be disappointed. He will smile upon you and give you success.

We invoke the choicest blessings of God upon President Brossard and commend him to your love and confidence. He is a faithful servant of the Lord and will study your welfare and happiness. In him you will find a true friend, a thoughtful, sympathetic brother.

We fervently pray that the French people may be persuaded to render obedience to the gospel message by their faith, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, that truth and righteousness may be established in their midst.

Your brethren in the covenant of peace,

(Signed) Rudger Clawson,
Hyrum W. Valentine,
Roscoe W. Eardley.

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EDITORIAL.

THE FRENCH MISSION ORGANIZED.

In to-day's issue of the *Star* is published a detailed report of the organization of the French mission, together with a letter of greeting to the elders and saints thereof.

This announcement will be of unusual interest to the Latter-day Saints, and will undoubtedly attract wide attention. It is a movement of great importance and will vitally affect missionary work in France. Heretofore our branches of French-speaking saints were connected with the Swiss and German and Netherlands Missions, and thus in a sense were stripped of their identity. Now they are brought together and organized into an independent mission, with a French-speaking President in charge. It would be difficult to estimate the benefits of so radical and significant a change. The elders under the new conditions will be fired with a holy zeal, and a spirit of interest and enthusiasm will be aroused among the saints as never before witnessed on their part. Untiring energy, union of purpose, devotion to principle, will work wonders, and so we may safely anticipate a steady, healthful and permanent growth of the work of God in the French mission.

The late President John Taylor visited the French nation in the year 1850, and, being duly authorized, opened the door of the gospel to them. The key that unlocks the scriptures was turned and made clear and simple the hidden word of truth. His mission was not undertaken in vain. The message he delivered—even "glad tidings of great joy"—and the testimony he bore are binding upon said nation. The fruits begin to appear. Every ear must hear the sound of the gospel, and every soul be reached in time or eternity, that all may be left without excuse in the great day of judgment. How beautiful! how attractive to the honest but oftentimes unenlightened soul are the fundamental truths of the plan of redemption, which, briefly enumerated, are faith in God the Father and in Jesus Christ the Son and in the Holy Ghost; repentance of sin, baptism by immersion for the remission of sin under Divine authority, and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. This was the message delivered by President Taylor to the French people, and it is still being promulgated among them—brought to their very doors by twenty-nine faithful traveling elders of the Church.

The choice of President for the new mission fell upon Elder Edgar B. Brossard. The selection was most fitting and appropriate. He is a young man of sterling integrity, of unbounded enthusiasm and untiring zeal. In manner he is pleasant and sociable. He is strong physically and bright mentally, and will put into the work the best that is in him.

It is a matter for congratulation to the Latter-day Saints that a new and important mission has been added to the Church, and we invoke the blessing of heaven upon all who are immediately connected therewith, and bid them God-speed.

RUDGER CLAWSON.

The Bunner-Rich Debate.—The report of this celebrated debate has been published in book form and is now on sale at headquarters. Price, cloth limp, One Shilling. Orders will receive immediate attention.

MINUTES OF NORWICH CONFERENCE.

THE Norwich semi-annual conference was held in St. Stephen's Chambers, Norwich, October 20th, 1912. There were in attendance: President Rudger Clawson, of the European mission; President A. R. Cook and ten traveling elders of the Norwich conference.

The opening session commenced at 10:30 a.m. by singing, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire." Invocation by Elder F. D. Ashdown. Singing, "Though deep'ning trials throng your way."

The sacrament was administered by Elders J. L. Nelson and Willard Bennion, during which the congregation sang, "While of these emblems we partake."

President A. R. Cook extended a hearty welcome to all present. Was pleased to see so many in attendance, and trusted that all present would give heed to the instructions from President Clawson and the other speakers.

Elder Byron Mendenhall said he rejoiced in the calling he had received to preach the gospel. Referred to the Savior's words to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Said that Peter's words on the day of Pentecost fully harmonize with the same. These words of the Savior and of Peter must be obeyed.

The congregation sang, "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation."

President Clawson said the occasion was a very impressive one. The exercises at the Latter-day Saints meetings are not stereotyped, but are inspired by the Spirit of the Lord. How beautiful and inspiring were the opening features of the meeting! The first song, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," was a very appropriate one to commence the conference with. Prayer is one of the first

necessities of our lives. The definition of the word is most beautifully given in the words of the hymn. Prayer is not to be measured by eloquence, but by the spirit and the desire behind the appeal to the majesty on high. The little child's prayer, couched in the simplest of language, is just as acceptable to the Lord as a prayer put in the most perfect language by a grown person. Jesus loved little children and blessed those who came unto Him, because of their innocence and purity. The wicked man does not pray to the Lord for guidance. He loves darkness rather than light, because his deeds are evil. When a sinner begins to pray the angels rejoice, because it is a sign that he wants forgiveness for his transgressions, and desires to walk in the light. We should pray from the heart and not repeat the prayers of others, written hundreds of years ago.

The session closed by singing, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Benediction by Elder E. W. Carter.

The afternoon session commenced at 2:30. Singing, "O ye mountains high." Prayer by Elder Earl Weaver. Singing, "Come, come, ye saints."

The general and local authorities were presented by Conference Clerk A. T. Johnson and unanimously sustained by the saints.

Elder Albertus Willardson said there are many different sects in existence, but the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not one of them. It stands alone, not as a sect, but as the only true religion. The fruits of the gospel should be shown in our lives. One of the greatest of these is brotherly love—the desire to help those who are in need.

Elder F. D. Ashdown felt the importance of the occasion. Said one purpose of the conference is to give the saints an opportunity to sustain the officers of the Church who preside over them. This they should do by their faith and prayers, and not merely by uplifting their hands. The God that the Latter-day Saints believe in is comprehensible. He must be known by us in order that we may gain eternal life.

Singing, "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah."

President Clawson said he was deeply impressed by the remarks of the preceding speakers. These young missionaries are clothed upon with the Holy Priesthood. That accounts for the matured manner in which they speak. They are exemplary in their lives and are not addicted to the use of tobacco and liquor. While there are a great many religious denominations on the earth, yet the "Mormon" missionaries are under the necessity of declaring that their Church is the only true one. They are ever willing and anxious to tell the people about the gospel, as it has been restored to the earth. Said the true Church was built upon the firm foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ as the chief corner-stone. There are other officers in the Church, such as high priests, seventies, elders, etc. They are there for the edifying of the saints and to

bring about a unity of belief. In this respect the organization is similar to the one established in primitive times, under the direction of Christ. But the organization in itself would be dead, unless it possessed the Spirit of God. The Latter-day Saints have the Divine Spirit as well as the true organization.

Closed by singing, "Sweet is the work, my God, my King." Benediction by Elder J. A. Wood.

The evening session commenced at 6:30 by singing, "How firm a foundation." Prayer by Elder A. T. Johnson. Singing, "Onward, Christian soldiers."

Conference Clerk A. T. Johnson read the labor and statistical report for the past six months.

President A. R. Cook realized the great necessity for a speaker having the faith and prayers of the congregation in his behalf. He loved to mingle with the saints in worship and in their homes. Felt proud to have the privilege of associating with such men as the elders of the Norwich conference. If people generally knew them as they truly are, they would have a different opinion of them. Many are unwilling to listen to anything good concerning the Latter-day Saints. Said God is the Father of our spirits. The body and the spirit constitute the soul of man. Our spirits had an existence prior to being clothed upon with mortality.

President A. R. Cook and Elder F. D. Ashdown rendered a duet entitled, "Sometime, somewhere."

President Clawson remarked that some people have a peculiar idea of the Latter-day Saints. Related many incidents in this connection, showing the effects of the recent newspaper stories upon the minds of the people. The attacks lately made upon the Latter-day Saints had reached the extremest point of hatred ever experienced in Great Britain. In this day of enlightenment, and in one of the greatest Christian nations of the earth, a "Mormon" missionary had been maliciously covered with tar for preaching the gospel. Spoke of the opposition that had been encountered in Sunderland, and of the attempts made by some of the citizens of that place to prevent the holding of services in a chapel that was owned by the Church. What would history have to say of such actions?

The conference was brought to a close by singing, "God be with you till we meet again." Benediction by Elder Joseph R. Pendrey.

Every session of the conference was well attended and a very good spirit prevailed. All expressed themselves as having enjoyed the meetings very much.

On Saturday, October 19th, 1912, President Clawson met with the elders of the Norwich conference in a Priesthood meeting, where individual reports for the past six months were given by the elders. Some good and timely instructions were given by President Clawson and a number of questions were answered.

A. T. JOHNSON, Clerk of Conference.

MAN.

MAN is a maker of images—both mental and ornamental. Then, again, he is an iconoclast. He makes and unmakes, as he strives for perfection. Man sleeps and forgets awhile that he is a mortal being, and in his dreams he is a god. He wakes and strives toward that goal. The worm is in the flesh, but not in that part of man—the hidden soul—which thinks and knows, which aspires unto the highest heaven.

Think heaven and 'tis thine,
'Tis the thinker that's divine;
Oh, man ascend thy throne—
Take hold of life and claim thy own.

Are we but shadows cast upon the screen of time, by a luckless fate, or are we pieces made to fit into the mosaic of life to render it a thing of beauty, to endure for ever? We are as seekers of shells upon the shores of this earth-life—shells which we put to our ears with the hope that "the secret" shall be laid open unto us. Man is a complex combination—he is a microcosm. Could he but "know himself" completely—he would "know what God and man is." Man is the topmost tower and creation's crown. He is the fruit of the "tree of life." As Swinburne has it—

"In one topmost blossom that scales the sky,
Man equal and one with me,
Man that is made of me—
Man that is I."

He oftentimes walks with bleeding feet along the path of life—that "path" which goes back into the eternities long gone and stretches into the eternities which are to be. He is a dweller on the "great white way." One time a "cave-dweller"—he now in homes palatial sits. He moves in the van of progress. He is mind, brains, sinews, bones and blood—and he is more. He is a cryptic compound. He is an eternal wonder.

Salt Lake City. AUBREY PARKER.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Change of Address.—The headquarters of the Bristol conference have been changed to 16 Westbourne Road, Easton, Bristol.

Releases and Departures.—The following named missionaries have been honorably released and sailed for home October 18th, 1912, per s.s. *Corsican*: From Great Britain—Joseph H. Davies, William L. Boothe. From Scandinavia—Soren M. Sorensen, James Christensen, Charles Jensen, Jens M. Jensen. From the Netherlands—Heber T. Hall, George C. Nuhn, Isaac D. Stewart. From

Sweden—Otto Johnson, H. P. Anderson, Clarence Pearson, Peter L. Madsen, George A. Lindquist. With the company were fifty-two emigrants in charge of Elders Otto Johnson, Soren M. Sorensen and Heber T. Hall.

Baptisms.—A baptismal service was held Tuesday, October 8th, 1912, at South Shields (Newcastle conference), at the Sea Water Baths, when three members were added to the Church. Elder Amos Belnap officiated; confirmed by Elders A. G. Brain, Francis Simpson and Amos Belnap.

On Sunday, October 13th, 1912, a baptismal service was held at the Swan Baths, Norwich (Norwich conference), at which two persons were baptised, Elder A. T. Johnson officiating.

On Saturday, October 12th, 1912, two souls were added to the fold of Christ at a baptism held in the Leicester Baths (Nottingham conference). President Thomas E. Winegar officiated. A large number of saints and friends were in attendance.

Successful Socials.—On Monday evening, October 14th, 1912, a farewell social was tendered Sister Annie E. Noble and her daughter, Sister Elsie Noble, who are leaving for the land of Zion. As a token of love and esteem, the saints and elders of the Nottingham branch presented them with a serviceable traveling rug. Quite a few friends were present. Sister Noble bore an impressive testimony to the truthfulness of the gospel.

A farewell social in honor of Brother Fred Greenwood was held in the Latter-day Saints' Church, Ellesmere Road, Sheffield (Sheffield conference), on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. A fine program was rendered, consisting of songs, instrumental music, recitations and speeches, after which games were played. The social was a success throughout and all present enjoyed themselves.

On Saturday, October 12th, 1912, the Intermediate Class of the Hyde branch Sunday school (Manchester conference) gave a successful social in behalf of the Relief Society funds. About one hundred saints and friends were present. A splendid program was rendered, consisting of action songs, recitations, sketch, and country dance by the children, under the direction of Sister Davies. Prizes were given for the three neatest dressed dolls. There were twelve entries, and the prizes were won by three Hanley girls. The dolls were afterwards sold and a sum of £3 0s. 6d. realised.

On Wednesday evening, October 16th, 1912, at the Ethrington Street meeting room, Gainsboro' (Hull conference), about fifty-five saints and friends assembled in honor of Brother John Harrison, who is leaving for Zion. Brother Harrison has been a faithful Latter-day Saint for several years, and all present joined in wishing him God-speed and a safe journey. As a token of remembrance, he was presented with a beautiful traveling bag. Refreshments

were served, after which games were indulged in. The evening was an enjoyable one throughout.

On Wednesday, October 16th, a successful social was held in the Latter-day Saints' meeting hall, Blackburn (Liverpool conference), in honor of Elder Orson H. Grimmett, who leaves shortly for his home in Zion. Elder Grimmett was presented with a nice table cover and a beautiful carving set by the saints and friends of the Blackburn branch.

District Meetings.—In the Kidderminster branch (Birmingham conference) a district meeting was held Sunday, October 13th, 1912, in the Liberal Club Rooms, Kidderminster, with President Albert T. Smith and five traveling elders in attendance. The first session convened at 3 p.m. President Smith welcomed all present and prayed that the Spirit of God might be with them throughout the day. Elder Leland F. Pilkington spoke upon the setting up of the kingdom of God at the time of Christ and said that certain ordinances must be obeyed in order to be saved. A pleasing duet, entitled "Angels are whispering," was well rendered by Sisters Lizzie Bennett and Lizzie McGilvary. Elder Harry V. Graham showed that there had been an apostasy from the Primitive Church and testified to the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith. The evening session commenced at 6:30. President Smith presented the names of the local and general authorities of the Church and they were all unanimously sustained. He spoke briefly on the persecution that has been going on in the conference. Elder W. A. Wells spoke of the apostasy from the true faith of the gospel, and said that the same gifts of the Spirit which were upon the earth at the Savior's time are to be found in the true Church of Christ to-day. Sister Lizzie Bennett sang a solo, entitled "As the dew from heaven distilling." Elder Joseph H. Davis remarked that the same principles advocated by Christ and His apostles are being taught by the Latter-day Saints. Revelation is one of the great blessings enjoyed by this Church, but in order to retain these blessings we must live up to the teachings of the Savior. Throughout both sessions of the conference a good spirit prevailed.

A district meeting was held in the Leeds branch of the Leeds conference on Sunday, October 13th, 1912. There was a large attendance at both sessions. At the afternoon session Elder J. L. Earley spoke on the true doctrine of Deity, and showed that the Father and the Son are separate and distinct personalities. Elder I. S. Noall testified to the restoration of the gospel. Said the Latter-day Saints are being persecuted, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that they possess the truth. At the evening meeting Elder J. M. Lake spoke on the first principles of the gospel, and showed how by complying with them we may obtain eternal life. Obedience to these principles will secure the gift of the Holy Ghost. President Benson said that people slander our

Church and people because they do not understand them. They forget that "by their fruits ye shall know them." He explained how we received the Priesthood, and said that without it no one can act in the name of God. Elder I. S. Noall pointed out how we may secure a remission of our sins. He also spoke of the pre-existence of man, and showed how it explains many of the perplexing problems of life. All present felt well repaid for attending the conference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

LESSON XXVI.—PAUL BEFORE FELIX.

Texts: Acts 24. Setting: Time, place, etc.

I. THE ACCUSATION.

1. By whom made.
2. Prefaced by flattery.
3. What they were. (a) A pestilent fellow—a mover of sedition. (b) A ring-leader of the Nazarenes. (c) Profaned the temple.
4. Insinuation against Lysias.

II. PAUL'S ANSWER.

1. His satisfaction at appearing before Felix.
2. Only twelve days since he came to Jerusalem.
3. Denial of profaning the temple.
4. The challenge for proof.
5. His confession. (Memorize verses 14, 15.)
6. His aim, a clear conscience.

III. FELIX CARRIES THE CASE OVER.

1. His reasons.

IV. PAUL BEFORE FELIX AND DRUSILLA.

Note: "Drusilla was the third daughter of Herod Agrippa I, who was eaten of worms (see Acts 12:1) and a sister of Agrippa II, before whom Paul pleaded (Acts 26). She was married to Azzius, king of Emesenes, but was persuaded by Felix to desert her husband and marry himself."

1. The appropriateness of Paul's teaching. (a) Righteousness. (b) Temperance. (c) Judgment.
2. Why Felix trembled.

WINNING.

It takes a little courage
And a little self-control,
And some grim determination
If you want to reach a goal.
It takes a deal of striving,
And a firm and stern set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you're really out to win.

There's no easy path to glory,
There's no rosy road to fame.
Life, however we may view it,
Is no simple parlor game;
But its prizes call for fighting,
For endurance and for grit,
For a rugged disposition
And a "don't-know-when-to-quit."

You must take a blow or give one,
You must risk or you must lose,
And expect that in the struggle
You will suffer from a bruise.
But you must not wince or falter,
If a fight you once begin;
Be a man and face the battle—
That's the only way to win.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

DIED.

GREEN.—At Great Harwood (Liverpool conference), September 30th, 1912, Margaret Hannah Green, aged 50 years; baptized June 3rd, 1900, by Elder Philip Quayle. She lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint. Funeral services were conducted by Elders Clyde P. Crookston and William H. Wheelwright. The speakers were Elder B. R. Birchall and President Joel Richards; the latter dedicated the grave.

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